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1. TWO BRITISH ARMY TRUCKS TRAVELLING SEPARATELY BERLIN-HELMSTEDT TURNED BACK BY SOVIETS AT CHECKPOINT B NOON TODAY BECAUSE LACK "NEW DOCUMENTATION". FOLLOWING DRIVER'S PROTESTS SOVIET GUARD CALLED KARLSHORST BUT BRITISH EMPHATICALLY INFORMED NO TRUCKS PERMITTED THROUGH CHECKPOINT WITHOUT NEW TYPE TRUCK DOCUMENT. BRITISH, REFERRING TO THEIR JULY 31 MESSAGE TO MARKUSHIN, MAKING PROTEST TO KARLSHORST. NO FURTHER ACTION PLANNED PENDING SOVIET REPLY TO JULY 31 MESSAGE.

2. US ARMY TRUCK DEPARTED BERLIN EARLY JULY 31 WITH SUPPLIES FOR HELMSTEDT INTENDING RETURN SAME DAY. BRAKE TROUBLE DELAYED RETURN TO BERLIN UNTIL TODAY. TRUCK HELD UP AT MARIENBORNE CHECKPOINT UNTIL SOVIET COLONEL FINALLY AGREED TO CLEARANCE ON BASIS ROUND TRIP MOVEMENT ORDERS ISSUED PRIOR TO AUGUST 1. DETAILED ACCOUNT THIS INCIDENT BEING SENT USAREUR INFO EMBASSY VIA ARMY CHANNELS.

3. BRITISH INFORMED MARKUSHIN LEAVING TOMORROW FOR VACATION IN SOVIET UNION.

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